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Kindly rewrite the claims as follows:

- 43. (Amended) A composition comprising:
  - (a) at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 49, and
  - (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 44. (Amended) A vaccine composition comprising:
  - (a) at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 57, and
  - (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 45. (Amended) A vaccine composition comprising:
  - (a) at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 59, and
  - (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 46. (Amended) A composition comprising:
  - (a) at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 61, and
  - (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 49. (Amended) A method for preparing one or more particles of calcium phosphate having diameters between about 300 nm to about 4000 nm,

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comprising reacting a soluble calcium salt with a soluble phosphate salt, wherein the reacting comprises:

- (a) mixing an aqueous solution of calcium chloride with an aqueous solution of sodium citrate to form a mixture,
- (b) adding an aqueous solution of sodium phosphate to the mixture to form a solution,
- (c) stirring the solution until particles of the desired size and comprising calcium phosphate are obtained.
- 62. (Amended) A method for adjuvanting a vaccine comprising administering an effective amount of at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 49 in conjunction with administration of a killed, attenuated or live vaccine, or a decoy virus to a patient in need thereof.
- 65. (Amended) A method for providing a controlled release of antigenic material, comprising administering an effective amount of at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 57 to a patient in need thereof.
- 67. (Amended) A method for vaccinating a patient, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition comprising:
  - (a) at least one particle prepared according to the method of claim 59, and

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(b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier to a patient in need thereof.

71. (Amended) A method for delivering a therapeutic composition comprising

administering an effective amount of a composition comprising at least one particle

prepared according to the method of claim 61 to a patient in need thereof.

75. The method of claim 71, wherein the particles comprise a coating of

polyethylene glycol and human insulin and are administered to a diabetic patient in

need thereof.

78. (Amended) The method of claim 49, further comprising:

(d) sonicating the particles until particles of the desired size are obtained.

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